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Jeanie Adams/Herald

Senior guard Brett McNeal laughs after President Reagan misses a shot. Reagan scored on his third attempt with the basketball, a gift from Western.

## 'You've made my day'

### Reagan cheers Bush campaign

By JENNIFER UNDERWOOD

President Reagan missed two shots before tossing a red, white and blue basketball into a goal near the stage yesterday.

Otherwise, his appearance was a hit with most of the 13,500 people who packed Diddle Arena, warmly receiving the two-term Republican president.

Reagan endorsed the ticket of Vice President George Bush and Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle by strongly taunting the liberals and praising Bush for his "leadership and vision."

Reagan, who has had a Democratic Congress for most of his two terms, also urged everyone to vote Republican in state and local races.

"It doesn't make any sense to send the president up there because you agree with what he proposes and then continue to send people to Congress who are dedicated to opposing everything he does."

He also encouraged young Americans to vote

because "with so many years ahead, you have a big stake in the election."

But much of the speech denounced liberals and their agenda.

"Eight years ago the last liberal administration turned the lights out on Main Street America," he said, referring to former President Jimmy Carter. "We've turned them back on, and with George Bush in the White House, they'll be on to stay."

Reagan said his administration is responsible for opening up jobs and opportunities to college students. "It's a good time to begin a career and maybe get married to that special someone and start a family."

A supporter from the crowd yelled, "Thank you." Turning in the direction of the voice, Reagan replied, "Thank you."

As Reagan spoke about Bush's believing that the courts must have judges who care not just about the criminals' rights but victims' rights, a balloon burst, sounding like a gun.

Without a pause, Reagan said, "You missed me." The crowd roared with laughter.

He continued talking about Bush's and Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis' Oct.

### Students argue, work for ideals

By PHOENICIA MIRACLE

Like the swelling of one of the 15,000 balloons in Diddle Arena, the fervor of Western's students grew as they awaited the arrival of the president of the United States.

Yesterday, when President Reagan stepped through the blue curtains to the stage, it burst.

The arena vibrated for 45 seconds with the sound waves of more than 13,000 standing, screaming people.

An American flag unrolled to form a backdrop, and Reagan stepped to a podium and expressed his appreciation to different bands and Republican leaders.

Then he paused and said, "Let me also say hello to a group I kind of take a personal interest in — the College Republicans."

Students began showing their support Tuesday night by painting posters, tying knots in balloons, and deciding who would usher and drive in the motorcade.

Todd Strause said almost all of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, strongly supports the Republican party.

"We're the few people who would probably die for Reagan," said Strause, a Louisville freshman.

"We got 50 tickets," he said, "and they were gone like that. Everybody wanted to come."

Not everyone inside the arena approved of the rally. Standing behind the crowd on the floor, several students held high a flag, handmade from a white sheet painted with red and blue. On top of the stars and stripes, the Democrat supporters had painted "Dukakis/Bentsen." The words "Victory '88" and "Democrat" were painted on the sides.

Outside the arena, demonstrators were more vocal.

Beginning about 11 a.m., protesters waved signs reading "Mafia say: Bush yea!!!!" and "Bush/Noriega."

In a release addressed to the president, three of the demonstration's leaders said, "The purpose of this demonstration is to express our anger over the fact that President Reagan has been working purely for the benefit of corpora-

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# 'It's not often that you see the president'



The crowd got there early to get into Diddle Arena. About 2,000 were unable to get in.



Above, Bowling Green resident Dolly Raymer's hat left no doubt about her choice for president. Right, against a patriotic backdrop, President Reagan speaks to about 13,500 people in Diddle Arena.

Staff photos by Matthew Brown, Amy  
Deputy, Scott A. Miller and Rex Perry





During his speech, Reagan encouraged college students to vote because they have a stake in America's future.



Above, Liberty junior Lynn Hoskins intently watches Reagan from the floor of Diddle Arena. Left, supporters of Republican presidential candidate George Bush and Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis argue on Center Street in front of Diddle Arena before Reagan arrives.



Reagan waves as he leaves Western via University Boulevard.

# Media flock to rally, tell different stories

By CHRIS POORE

Political reporter Tom Lee shouted at the television camera over the cheering crowd awaiting President Reagan's arrival in about 15 minutes.

His story before Reagan's 1:30 p.m. speech in Diddle Arena yesterday had to reach WTVF in Nashville via satellite for the 1 p.m. news. Jammed between reporters on a platform, Lee got his segment off on time.

"It's the same routine" as covering any campaign speech, Lee said. "This is just a better show than anyone else puts on."

Lee joined about 250 other members of the media in a roped-off section of Diddle. This kind of media attraction has become more frequent recently in western Kentucky.

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and Pat Robertson, a speaker for Vice President George Bush's campaign, have spoken at Western this fall. Bush spoke in Owensboro.

"There certainly is more action this year than there ever has been before," said Bob Johnson of The Louisville Courier-Journal, who has been reporting politics since 1960.

To some, covering a presidential campaign speech has become old hat. Such events attract publications from weeklies to international news services. And the reporters have to gear

their coverage to their locations.

Photographer Allen Lake, of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer took pictures of Owensboro residents at the speech.

As for photographs of the president, "everybody's going to get basically the same thing," Lake said.

Opinions differed about what the stories should be about.

Steve Porter, whose story was broadcast live to NBC Radio, said his story focused on Reagan's plea for voters to elect Republican candidates for Congress. Kentuckians historically vote Republican for president and Democrat for congressmen.

Reporters throughout the state and country attended the speech. Circulations for the newspapers were as low as 2,000 at The Hart County Herald, or as large as The Los Angeles Times (circulation more than 1 million).

But Irwin Arieff, a Washington correspondent who covers the president for Reuters News Service in London, said he will barely mention the speech.

"The speech was the same as he's given every day," Arieff said.

But for people who have never covered a presidential speech, the thrill is still there.

Tracy L. McQueen, a Park City Daily News reporter, paced behind the media platform before the speech.

"I'm not a big fan of Reagan's, but this is neat."

## Diddle attendants make Reagan's day

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13 debate, saying liberals are wrong when they insist "this election is not about ideology; it's about competence."

"They're just acknowledging that where they want to take America, America doesn't want to go," he said.

Reagan said the liberals don't have their own agenda and have spent the last three months "trying to dress up their agenda in our clothes, but somehow nothing fits."

He continued to criticize liberals, saying their agenda is "less defense, more big government."

And he attacked the liberals' pro-family agenda.

Reagan said under Dukakis' plan that if parents want assistance and want to leave their children with one of their grandmothers, the grandmothers would have to get federal licenses to take care of their grandchildren.

"Licensing grandmothers — can you believe it?" he asked.

"No!" the crowd roared.

Reagan said the Democrats have promised that in January the Reagan Era will be over and their era will begin.

"Come January, do you want Washington run by those who only pledge of allegiance is to more government and more spending and who have never let the taxpayers' dollars out on furlough?"

Again the crowd yelled, "No!"

Reagan replied, "You've made my day."

Glitter and a sea of red, white and blue balloons dropped onto the cheering crowd from the ceiling as Reagan waved before leaving.

Scottsville senior Angela Gibbs said seeing the president was a highlight of her college career. "It's not often that you see the president."

Gibbs said that if she hadn't already decided to vote for Bush, Reagan's visit would have persuaded her to.

Lucille Davidson, 67, a Republican from Hopkinsville, said she loved seeing Reagan. "He's the best president ever."

Davidson said Reagan is the only president she has ever seen, "except Bush. He's going to be president."

"I'll worry about things if Bush doesn't get in," she said, because she believes in a strong defense and said Dukakis doesn't. "No one is going to shoot you if they think you have a gun."

But not everyone was enthusiastic about Reagan. About five students stood near the back of the crowd on the floor, waving Dukakis posters.

And outside Diddle, Kitty Anderson of Bowling Green stood in the cold for an hour before Reagan's speech holding a sign that said, "Student Aid Not Contra Aid."

"Reagan is a show person, she said. "His speech shows that."

But the presidential appearance impressed David Pace, president of the Young Republicans at Warren Central High School.

"I loved it," he said. "I was tingling all over."



Lawrence H. Smith/Herald

President Reagan waves to the press corps at Bowling Green-Warren County Airport before he boards a Gulfstream G-1159A jet after speaking at

Western. The president flew on the smaller jet because the airport is too small for the Boeing 707 normally used.

## Groups back, boo president's visit

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tions such as General Electric, Boeing, ITT, General Dynamics and others at the expense of domestic programs, our economy, and national security."

The letter is attributed to Bruce Cambren, a Louisville senior; Ron Barnes, a sophomore from Washington, D.C.; and Michael Franklin, a Leitchfield senior.

A puppet of Reagan was hung from the university center railing facing Diddle Arena. A banner beside it read, "We Don't Need Another Corporate Puppet."

Christian Ely, a senior from Brentwood, Tenn., acted as a political character beside the university center.

Carrying bags of flour, Ely por-

trayed Manuel Noriega of Panama. "Our motto," Ely said, "is Bush/Noriega '88 and addiction '89."

Holger Velastegui, a senior from Santo Domingo, Ecuador, said, "Drugs get into the country not because the police control is not good."

"It's because the people dealing with the drugs are so good. There's little that can be done from the top."

Before nearly 2,000 waiting outside the arena learned they would be turned away, the demonstrators had a large, captive audience for much of the rally.

Gwen Stewart, co-chairwoman of the Warren County Bush/Quayle campaign headquarters, said, "I do not believe that more tickets were printed than they felt the arena had a

capacity for."

She said that the area roped off for the Secret Service and press may have caused a miscalculation in seating capacity.

Margaret Tabor, vice president of the Warren County Republican party, said several people told her that they couldn't attend the rally and wanted a ticket for a "keepsake."

Morgantown senior Harold McKee, who could not see the rally, said he started to get his 8-year-old son out of school for the event because "he thinks Reagan is great."

"It would have been super disheartening for him," he said. "It was just as disheartening for me."